

**Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting  
San Jose City Hall Wing, room 118-119  
November 17, 2010**

**6:36 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks**

- Sami Monsur welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker, new Fire Chief William McDonald.

**6:37 pm- Agenda Item II- Fire Chief William McDonald**

- Fire Chief provided his personal bio.
- Acknowledged San Jose has a low number of firefighters per capita.
- Listed his priorities to get San Jose's fire dept back on track:
  1. Stabilize senior leadership
  2. Evaluate existing stations/coverage
  3. Improve relationships and coverage with the county
  4. Work with new ambulance provider to provide better integrated service
- Will need assistance with the strategic planning process. Requested an opportunity to return with a survey.

**Q&A**

- Are volunteer opportunities available? Yes, volunteers have been utilized successfully in previous posts.
- Are there other ways to handle medical response calls? It's possible that the current medical response protocol can be modified.
- Could there be a community-fire dept liaison? Yes, it's possible.
- Are there opportunities for youth involvement? Yes, there is an explorer program that trains approx. 25 kids per year.
- Have you ever dealt with this type of labor climate? No, but collaboration is key.
- Why does the Fire dept have such a high turnover? Good question, have to tap into local talent, promote from within.

**7:06 pm- Agenda Item III- Announcements from Councilmember Liccardo**

- There are still many empty storefronts. They are filling in slowly. The Sobrato building has a new tenant, Price Waterhouse Cooper.
- Improvements are being made on park maintenance. A portion of the developer fees will go to maintenance. Donations are welcome.
- Q: How is Groundwerx paid? Downtown businesses collectively put the money up to pay for the services.
- Tamien purchase is moving forward. Date TBD.
- \$70 million deficit projected for next fiscal year.
- Q: What if RDA goes under? RDA has a \$20 million/yr debt service on projects. RDA could be absorbed into other City functions or share City support services, outcome unknown at this time.

**7:30 pm- Agenda Item IV- Committees or Areas of Concentration-Now What?**

- People have been identified to lead several committees, see agenda list.
- Matt has volunteered to lead the advocacy and outreach committee
- Don Gagliardi has volunteered to lead an ad hoc group to study the county tax increment allocations
- Sami Monsur explained the schedule of NAG meetings going forward. One large group meeting every other month, possibly with guest speakers. Mini meeting to be held on alternating months, with an emphasis on committee work, see agenda schedule.
- Discussion on Police dept proposal of dividing the City into 4 districts with one designated community liaison per district. Invite new police chief to be a guest speaker (once appointed). Suggestions for an improved relationship between Police dept and community: 1. provide 2-way accountability with Police dept. 2. provide incentives for longer rotations

**8:00 pm Agenda Item V- Open Forum and Announcements**

- Open Forum skipped due to time.
- Rosebushes from old Main City Library will be reallocated on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Will be free to neighborhood groups for public not personal use. Contact Tina Morrill for details.

**8:05 pm- Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 6:30-8:00 pm, City Hall meeting room 118-119. \*\* NO MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER\*\***